

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Background of the Invention

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~~Number~~Numerous articles employed in a lot of fields present a coupling between a plastic material and the surface of a metal part. The process of the present invention is suitable for preparing the said articles. The reasons for making the said coupling are various. For example, the coating of metal parts is sometimes necessary to prevent the metal surface from coming in contact with foods or being exposed to chemical substances during use. Examples of the articles obtainable from the process of the present invention are, therefore, closures. Bottle closures of a plastic material are joined to a metallic material, aluminium for example, in order to prevent the oxygen diffusion in bottles.

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Detailed Description of the Invention

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Accordingly, the present invention provides a process for effecting a coupling between a plastic material and the surface of a metal part (metal surface) comprising the steps of:

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- a) applying an adhesive polymer composition on the metal surface;
 - b) overmoulding the metal surface with a plastic material by injection moulding; and
 - c) applying heat to the metal surface.

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The plastic material that is overmoulded over the metal surface may include thermoplastics such as polyolefins, e.g. homo- or copolymers of ethylene, propylene and 1-butene and polyamides. An example of said polyolefins is ~~an~~ a heterophasic polymer composition comprising (percentage by weight):

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Abstract of the Disclosure

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A process for effecting a coupling between a plastic material and a metal surface comprising the steps of applying a powder of an adhesive polymer composition to the metal surface; then overmoulding the metal surface with a plastic material by injection moulding; and finally applying heat to the metal surface.